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1. FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE CONCERNING SITUATION DESCRIBED IN REFTEL (B). CONGEN FINDS THAT ALL PASSENGERS TRAVELLING BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, IN EITHER DIRECTION, AND ARE CITIZENS OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES, ARE NOT SUBJECTED TO THE SAME ENTRY PROCEDURES AS NON CITIZENS. THESE PASSENGERS DO NOT NEED HEALTH DOCUMENTS OR PASSPORTS.

2. PASSENGERS' TICKETS ARE INSPECTED ONLY TWICE YEARLY, ONCE EACH IN WINTER AND SUMMER, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN NECESSARY STATISTICAL DATA, AND ARE DONE SO ON AN ACROSS THE BOARD BASIS.

3. IN ESSENCE, THEN, THERE IS NO DISCRIMINATION PRACTISED AT AUSTRALIAN AIRPORTS OF ENTRY. ALL PASSENGERS ARE SUBJECTED TO SAME PROCEDURES (EXCEPT CROSS TASMAN SEA TRAFFIC). THE PERCENTAGE OF PASSENGERS WHOSE BAGGAGE IS SEARCHED BY CUSTOMS VARIES AS TO PASSENGER'S LAST POINT OF DEPARTURE: A HIGHER PERCENTAGE WILL BE SEARCHED COMING FROM HONG KONG AND SOUTH EAST ASIA THAN FROM THE U.S.

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